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The following items give news of Yugoslav merchant ships, wharf repair, and sponge industry. Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.

Wharf Repaired

The Marsal Tito wharf in Pula was damaged during the last war so that it was not accessible to ships. The "Put" Workers' Cooperative, repairing the wharf, has built 80 meters of wall 4 meters high around the wharf and has paved 380 square meters of the wharf.(1)

Motor Ship Launched

The Tito shipyard at Kraljevica completed work on the motor ship, Martinscica, one of the largest wooden motor ships in the Yugoslav Merchant Marine, on 9 September 1950 and handed it over to the Adriatic Free Navigation Enterprise. Construction on the Martinscica began during the Italian Occupation at the Martinscica shipyard. The ship, whose wooden parts were completed at the Martinscica shipyard, was transferred to the Tito shipyard in mid-1948. The Martinscica carries about 700 tons of cargo and has a speed of 9.4 knots per hour.(1)

New Ship Built

The first new passenger ship of a series being constructed at the Vicko Krstulovic shipyard was launched recently. Work on this ship was begun in January 1950. Two more ships of this series are to be completed by the end of 1950.(1)

Tugboat Completed

The tugboat Srebreno has been completed at the Tito shipyard at Kraljevica.(2)

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Passenger Ship Acquired

The newly acquired passenger ship Kosmaj was launched in Rijeka Harbor at the beginning of October. The Kosmaj was built in 1930 by Beardmore Clyde. It has a gross registered tonnage of 5,667 tons, a net tonnage of 3,507 tons, and dead-weight tonnage of 8,833 tons. The length between verticals is 123.5 meters; beam, 16.75 meters; speed, 11 knots per hour.(2)

Transportation School Opened

A higher transportation school, which will have university status, was recently opened in Belgrade. The school will have a department of navigation.(2)

Sponge Colony Discovered

The "Spuzvar" (Sponge) Diving Equipment Enterprise in Sibenik discovered a large colony of sponges near the Galicoli lighthouse near Cres Island in the last part of September. The sponge colony is about 5 miles square and is, to date, the largest in the Adriatic. Specialists estimate it will take 3 months to uproot the sponges.(2)

Tugboat Rebuilt

The tugboat, Traste, sunk near the Albanian coast during the war, was recently rebuilt at the Tito shipyard and handed over to the Bager Enterprise in Split.(2)

SOURCES

1. Pomorstvo, Sep 1950
2. Pomorstvo, Oct 1950

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